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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 20, 2009, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-27) for further examination in this application.

A response to the election/restriction requirement was due on December 21, 2009, because the original due date of December 20, 2009 fell on a Sunday. However, the USPTO was closed on December 21, 2009 due to inclement weather. As such, it is believed that no extension of time or extension fee is required for filing this response

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today. If the Commissioner determines that an extension and an extension fee are required, then petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time to file this response, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1140 for a one-month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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